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September 14, 1992

Mr. James A. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: Notice of Final Approval, Goldsil Expansion - Permit Revision, Tenneco Minerals Company - Utah, Goldstrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of Tenneco Minerals latest permit revision response, received August 31, 1992. The response has been determined technically complete and satisfies the conditions as outlined in our July 14, 1992, tentative approval letter. The 30-day public comment period has expired without adverse comment. The Division hereby grants its final approval of this permit revision with the following stipulation(s):

STIPULATIONS:

1. Assuming the new haul road is accepted & approved as a permanent access road at the end of mining operations, Tenneco Minerals must agree to replace the as-built 2-ft. Peg Leg Gulch culvert with another designed to pass the 100 yr. - 24 hr. design storm. The Division suggests that all other haul road culverts, which are not adequately sized to safely pass the 100 yr.- 24 hr. design storm, also be replaced upon cessation of mining activities. The Division may accept an alternate design storm, as required by the BLM and/or county, when an agreement is reached on the final disposition of the new haul road.

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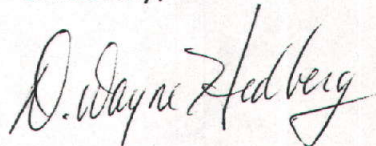
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2. As stated in our July 14, 1992 tentative approval, the final decision to allow the 3 low-flow crossings to remain after mining ceases, will be made jointly by the Division, BLM and county (as appropriate).

This approval is immediately effective upon our receipt of the operator's acknowledgement and acceptance of these stipulations. Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation in completing this permitting action. Please contact me, or Wayne Hedberg of my staff if you have remaining questions or concerns in this regard.

Sincerely,


for Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

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